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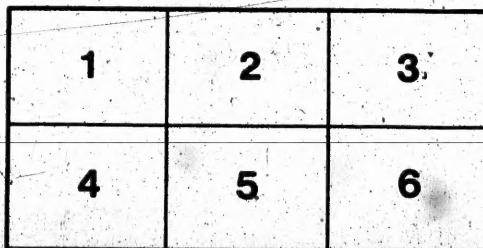
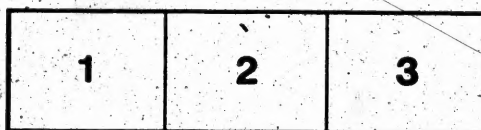
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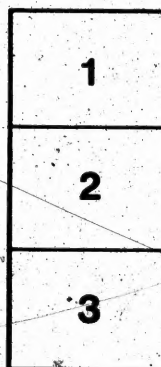
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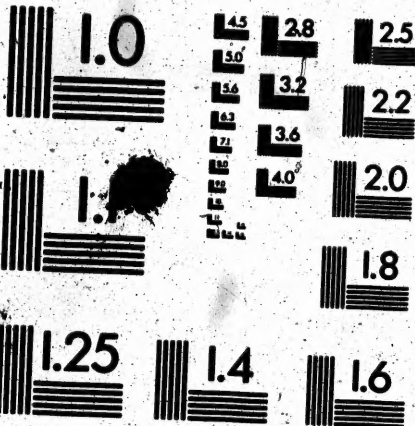
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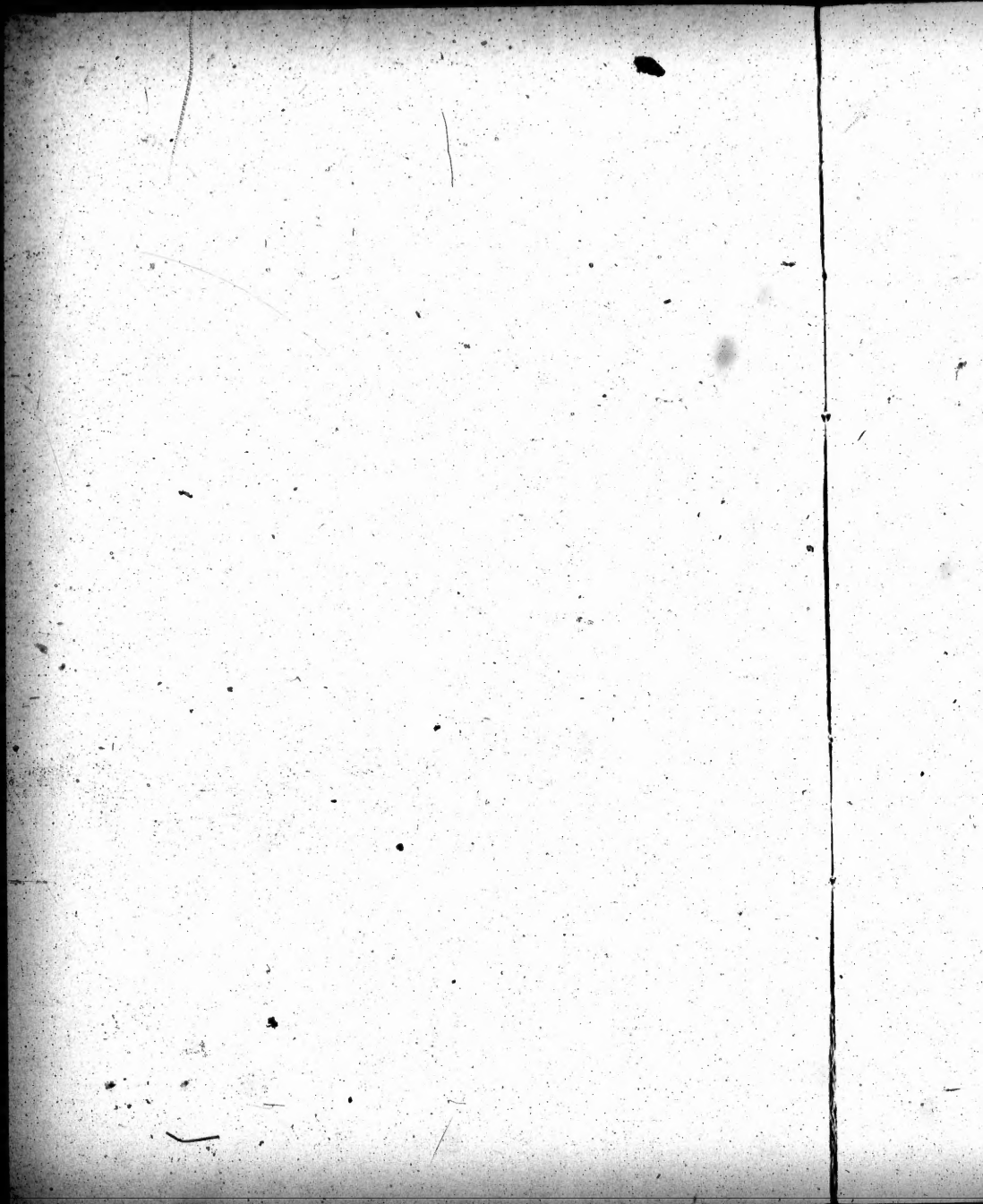


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Let us pray.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed Unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love,

Enable with perpetual light,
The dullness of our blinded sight,

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of Both, to be but One.

That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, I am the living Bread, which came down from Heaven.

R. Lord, evermore give us this Bread.

Lord have mercy upon us.

R. Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD our Heavenly Father, we offer unto Thee our humble and hearty thanks, that Thou hast given Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, not only to die for our sins, but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in this Holy Sacrament.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

That Thou dost so lovingly call us to receive this Holy Communion, in remembrance of His Sacrifice, who didst vouchsafe to yield up His soul, by death upon the Cross, for our salvation.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Grant us, Lord, ever to consider the dignity of this Holy Mystery, and so to search and examine ourselves that we may come holy and clean to this Heavenly Feast,

R. Grant us, Good Lord.

Grant that whereinsoever we may have offended, in will, or word, or deed, there we may bewail and confess our sins, with full purpose to amend our lives.

R. Grant us, Good Lord.

That we may be sincerely reconciled to all, and be ever ready to make satisfaction for all wrongs that we may have done to others.

R. Grant us Good Lord.

That we may be ready to forgive all who may have done us wrong, as we would have forgiveness of our offences at Thy hands.

R. Grant us, Good Lord.

O HEAVENLY Father, help us. Without Thee we can do nothing. Without Thy help we cannot worthily approach Thy Holy Altar. Let Thy Holy Spirit guide us, and teach us wherein we have offended in Thy sight. Give us true sorrow for past sin, and grace to amend our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here may follow other prayers.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

All standing up.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then should be said or sung.

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way :
and walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep His testimonies : and
seek Him with their whole heart.

3 With my whole heart have I sought Thee, O God ;
O let me not go wrong out of Thy commandments.

4 Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I
should not sin against Thee.

5 Like as the hart desireth the water brooks : so
longeth my soul after Thee, O God.

6 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the
Living God : when shall I come to appear before the
presence of God ?

7 O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they
may lead me : and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and
to Thy dwelling.

8 And that I may go unto the altar of God : even
unto the God of my joy and gladness.

PSALM LXXXIV.

O HOW amiable are Thy dwellings : Thou Lord
of Hosts !

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into
the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh re-
joice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the
swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even
Thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they
will be always praising Thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee :
in whose heart are Thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for
a well : and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength : and unto
the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer : hearken,
O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the
face of Thine Anointed.

10 For one day in Thy courts : is better than a
thousand.

11 I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my
God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and defence : the
Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing
shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of Hosts : blessed is the man that
putteth his trust in Thee.

¶ *Or one of the following Psalms : xv, xxiv, xxvi,
xlii, xliii. After which shall follow a Lesson from Holy
Scripture.*

HYMN AND GFFERTORY

ADDRESS.

¶ *After which shall be sung (all kneeling) Hymn
211, 380, or other.*

Let us pray..

¶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the
Communion of the Blood of Christ ?

R. The bread which we break is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto our prayers, and enlighten our hearts with the Grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may worthily approach Thy Holy Mysteries, and love Thee with an everlasting love; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

V. Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood ye have no life in you.

R. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread and drink of that Cup.

V. Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts: look well if there be any way of wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

R. Let us judge ourselves, and we shall not be judged of the Lord.

¶ A brief pause may here be made wherein each one may look into his heart, and examine himself. Then shall be said:

V. Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness:

R. According to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences.

V. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:

R. And cleanse me from my sin.

V. For I acknowledge my faults:

R. And my sin is ever before me.

V. Turn Thy face away from my sins:

R. And put out all my misdeeds.

V. Make me a clean heart, O God :

R. And renew a right spirit within me.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer :

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

V. Though your sins be as scarlet :

R. They shall be white as snow.

V. Though they be red like crimson :

R. They shall be as wool.

V. Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof.

R. Lord ; If Thou wilt ; Thou canst make me clean.

A pause.

Hear what our Saviour Christ saith to your soul.

Priest. I will : Be thou clean !

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us :

R. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Let us pray.

The prayer of Humble Access to be said all together.

WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property

is always to have mercy : Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. *Amen.*

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Then shall follow this form of blessing.

THE GOD of Peace, that brought again from the dead our LORD JESUS, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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